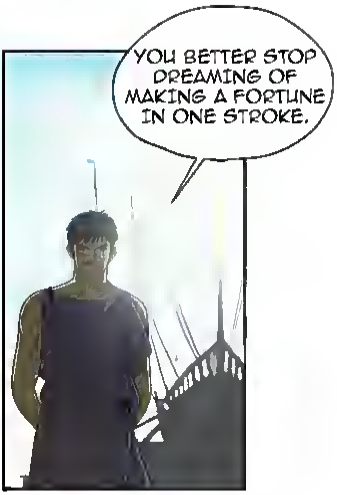
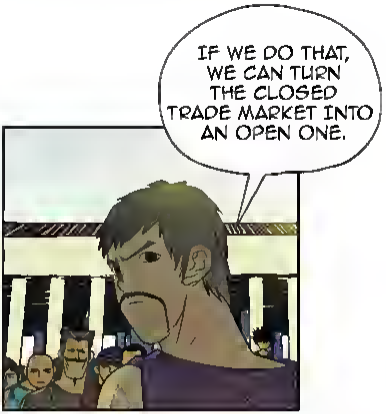
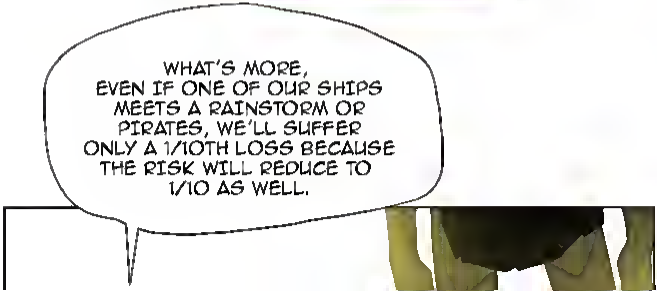
ARE YOU ASKING US TO SPLIT UP OUR PRECIOUS GOODS AND LOAD THEM ON SHIPS WITH WITH THE OTHER PEOPLE'S?
BUT WHAT IF WE CAN'T MAKE GOOD PROFIT? IF THAT HAPPENS, WHO WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT, HUH?


YOU BETTER STOP DREAMING OF MAKING A FORTUNE IN ONE STROKE.

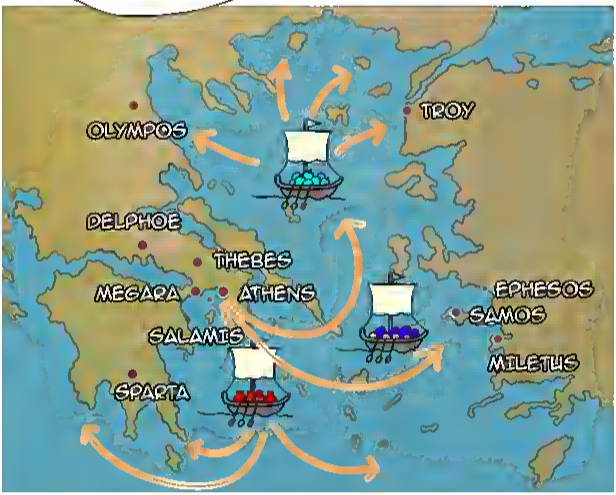
SELLING GOODS AT SEVERAL MARKETS IN VARIOUS PLACES WILL HELP OUR BUSINESS.


IF WE DO THAT, WE CAN TURN THE CLOSED TRADE MARKET INTO AN OPEN ONE.

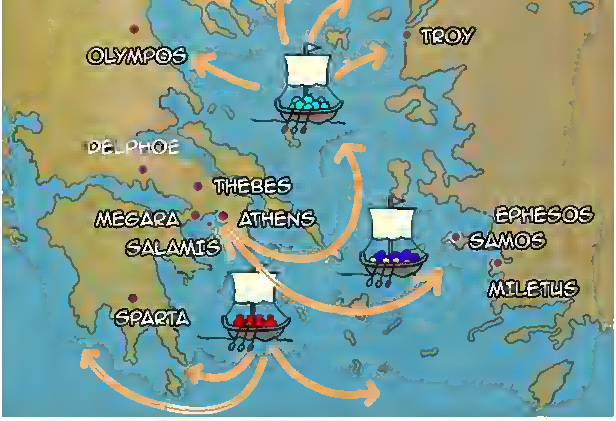
CERTAIN ITEMS ARE SOLD AT HIGH PRICES BEING MONOPOLIZED BY A FEW TRADERS. BUT IF WE SHARE OUR GOODS, IT WILL BENEFIT BOTH THE PROVIDERS AND CONSUMERS.

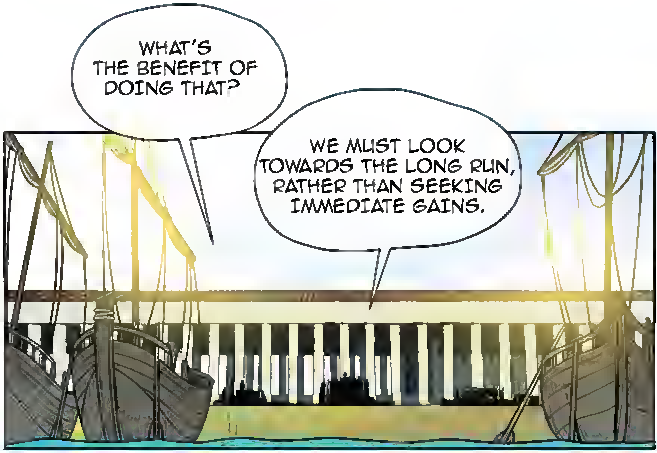

WHAT'S MORE, EVEN IF ONE OF OUR SHIPS MEETS A RAINSTORM OR PIRATES, WE'LL SUFFER ONLY A 1/10TH LOSS BECAUSE THE RISK WILL REDUCE TO 1/10 AS WELL.

BECAUSE MOST OF THE GOODS WE HANDLE ARE IN DEMAND IN MANY PLACES.

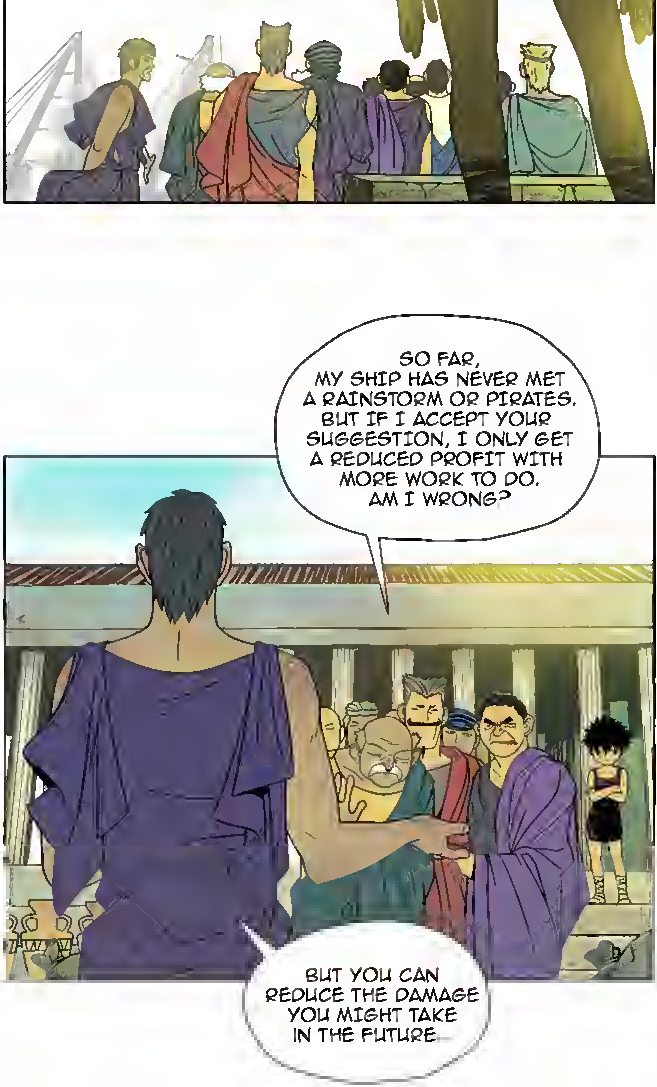


SO, I SUGGEST THAT WE SHARE THE GOODS AND FIND THE DISTRIBUTORS DURING LAYOVERS.


OLYMPOS
TROY
DELPHOE
THEBES
MEGARA
ATHENS
SALAMIS
EPHESOS
SAMOS
MILETUS
SPARTA

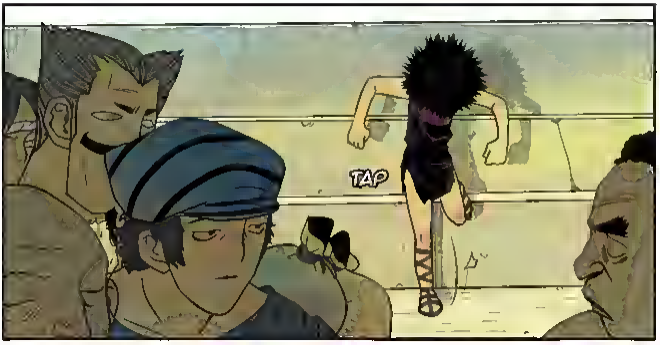

WHAT'S THE BENEFIT OF DOING THAT?
WE MUST LOOK TOWARDS THE LONG RUN, RATHER THAN SEEKING IMMEDIATE GAINS.

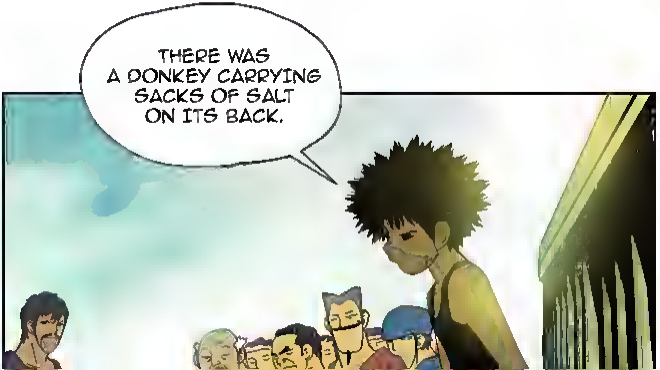
ARE YOU SAYING THAT I MUST TAKE DAMAGE THAT HASN'T HAPPENED YET OR WILL NOT HAPPEN?
T...THAT'S..


SO FAR, MY SHIP HAS NEVER MET A RAINSTORM OR PIRATES. BUT IF I ACCEPT YOUR SUGGESTION, I ONLY GET A REDUCED PROFIT WITH MORE WORK TO DO. AM I WRONG?
BUT YOU CAN REDUCE THE DAMAGE YOU MIGHT TAKE IN THE FUTURE.

WELL...
MAY I SAY A WORD TO YOU, SIRS?

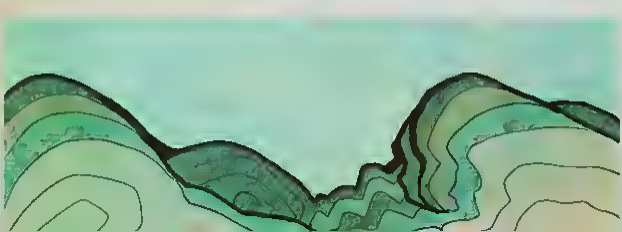
YES, AESOP. COME AND EXPLAIN TO THEM SINCE IT'S YOUR IDEA
WHO IS THAT BOY?

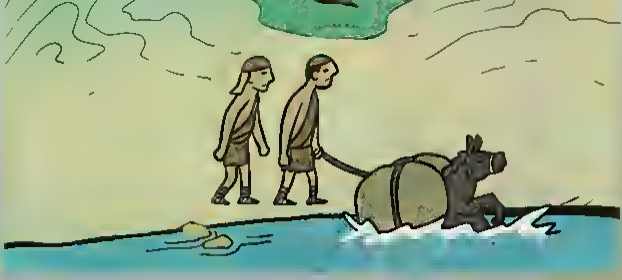

TAP


THERE WAS
A DONKEY CARRYING
SACKS OF SALT
ON ITS BACK.

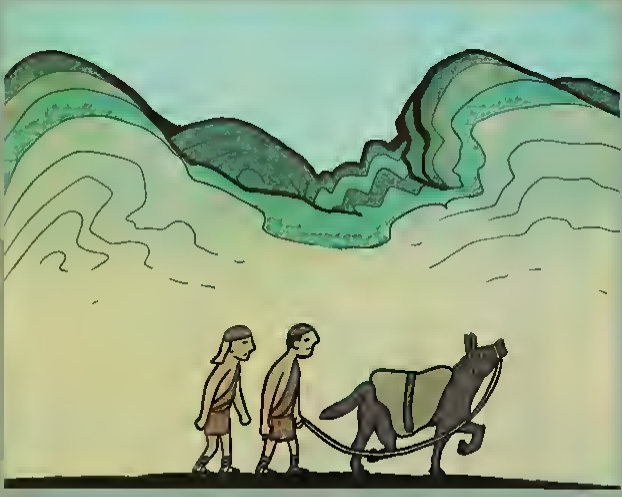
WHAT? IS THIS AN OLD TALE?

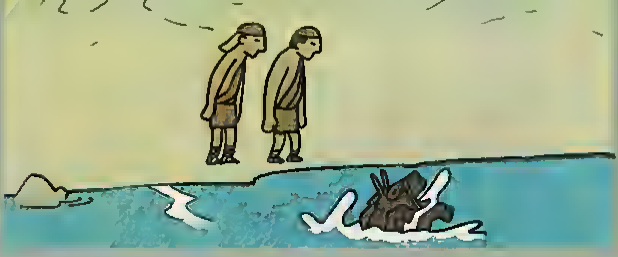
ONE DAY, IT TRIPPED AND FELL INTO A STREAM BY ACCIDENT. AND THE WATER MELTED THE SALT IN THE SACK.

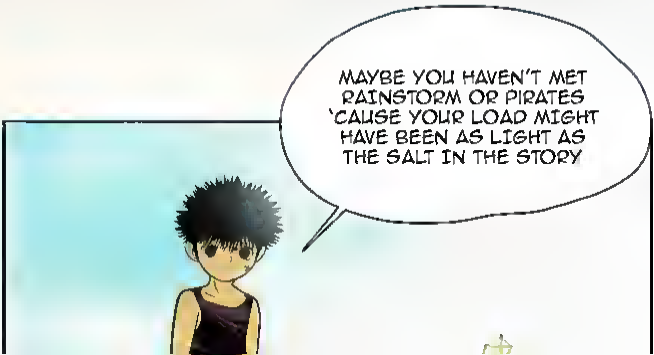




WHEN IT GOT OUT OF WATER, ITS LOAD
GOT LIGHTER AND THE DONKEY WAS HAPPY ABOUT IT.

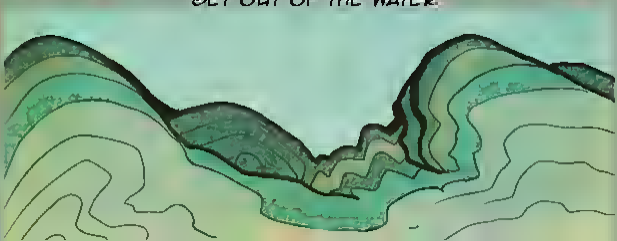





MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T MET RAINSTORM OR PIRATES 'CAUSE YOUR LOAD MIGHT HAVE BEEN AS LIGHT AS THE SALT IN THE STORY

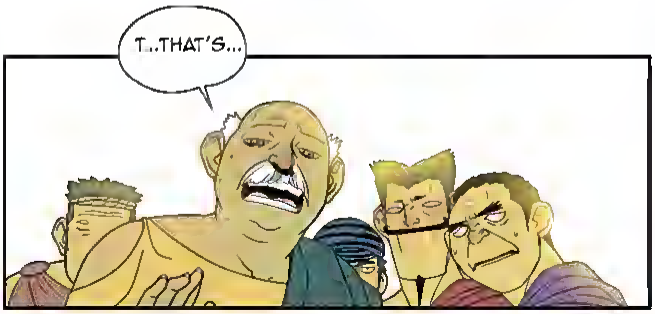
AFTER A FORTNIGHT, THE DONKEY WITH A LOAD FELL INTO THE STREAM ON PURPOSE.

HOWEVER, THE SACKS ON ITS BACK WASN'T SALT, BUT COTTON THIS TIME. THE COTTON GOT GREATLY HEAVIER WITH WATER THAT'S SOAKED INTO IT, AND THE DONKEY COULD NEVER GET OUT OF THE WATER.



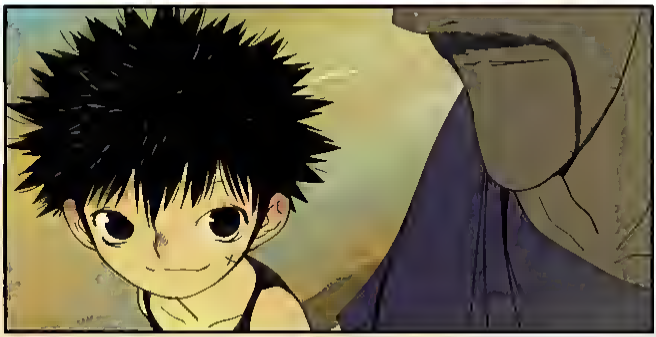
BUT WILL YOU BE LUCKY FOREVER TO BE CARRYING ONLY SALT?

CAN YOU BE SO SURE THAT YOUR LOAD THAT DEPARTS TODAY IS NOT COTTON THAT GETS HEAVIER WHEN IT GETS WET?


T...THAT'S...

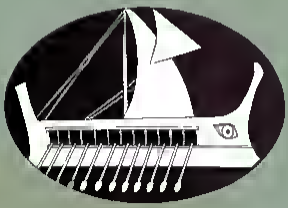
HE'S RIGHT. FOR NOW, THE WAY I'M OFFERING MIGHT SOUND RATHER PASSIVE COMPARED TO WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING SO FAR,
BUT IF WE LOOK FURTHER AHEAD, TAKING A STEP BACK WILL LEAD US TO GREAT SUCCESS IN THE LONG RUN.

AM I RIGHT, AESOP?

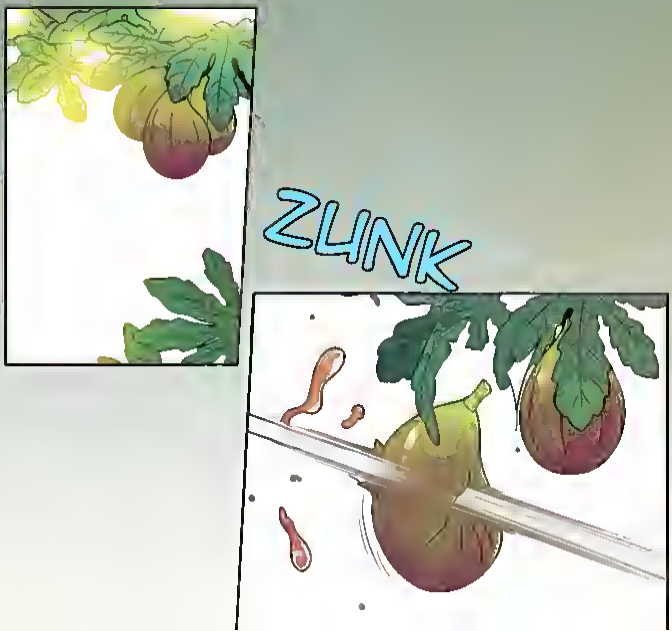


Aisopos

STORY/ YANGSOO KIM
DRAWING/DOGADO

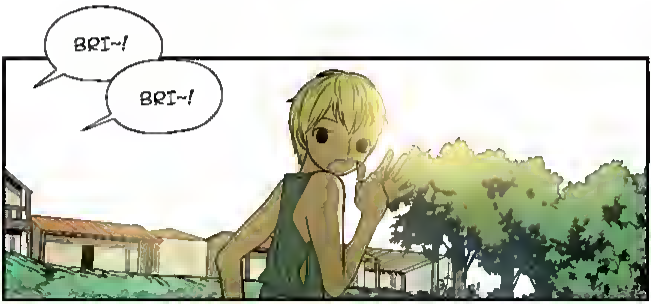


EPISODE 38
THE GREAT FAILURE (9)



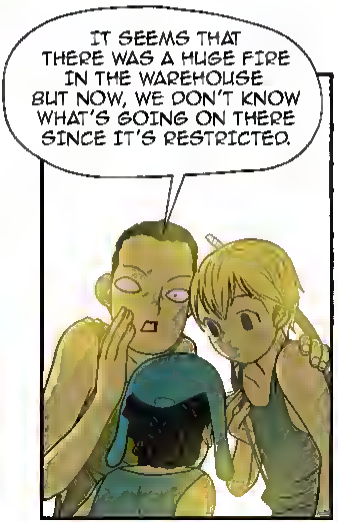
PHAT
I FINALLY GOT IT!

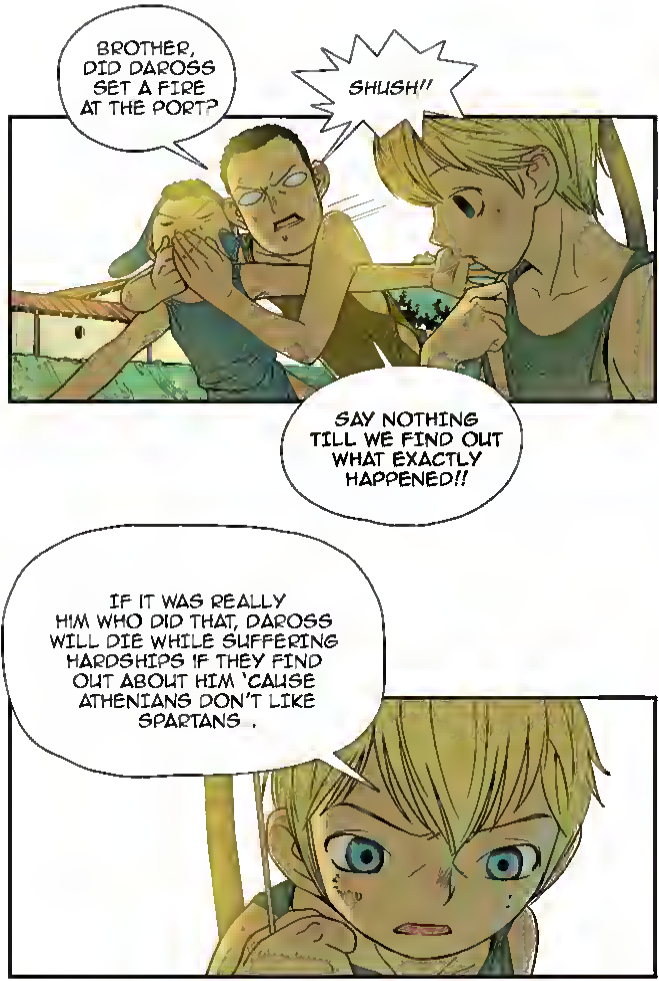
THROB
OUCH...


BRI~!
BRI~!

HUH? WHAT IS IT?
BAD NEWS!
BAD NEWS!!
DAROSS IS HURT BAD!
WHAT? HOW?!

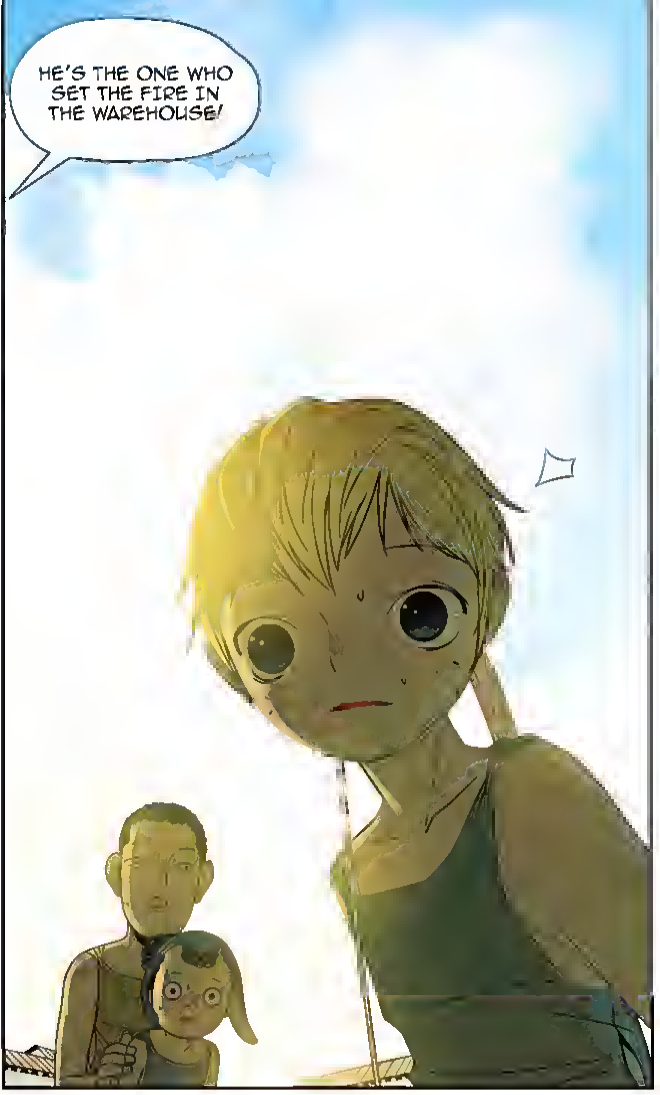
WE DON'T KNOW HE WENT TO SEE AESOP LAST NIGHT AND CAME BACK COVERED IN BLOOD!
THEN, WHAT ABOUT AESOP??


IT SEEMS THAT THERE WAS A HUGE FIRE IN THE WAREHOUSE BUT NOW, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON THERE SINCE IT'S RESTRICTED.


BROTHER, DID DAROSS SET A FIRE AT THE PORT?
SHUSH!!
SAY NOTHING TILL WE FIND OUT WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED!!
IF IT WAS REALLY HIM WHO DID THAT, DAROSS WILL DIE WHILE SUFFERING HARDSHIPS IF THEY FIND OUT ABOUT HIM 'CAUSE ATHENIANS DON'T LIKE SPARTANS .

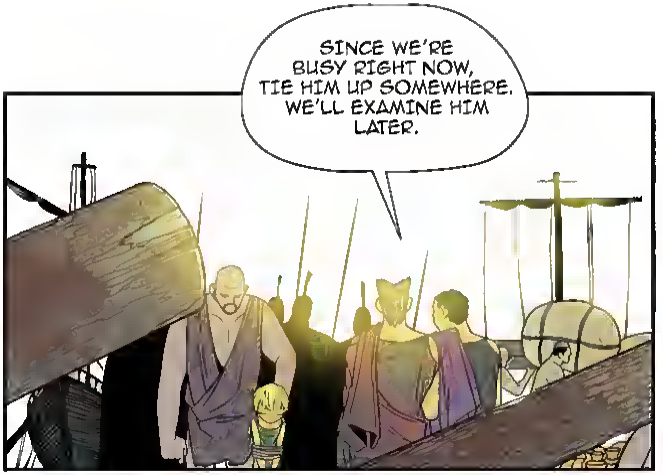
THERE HE IS!

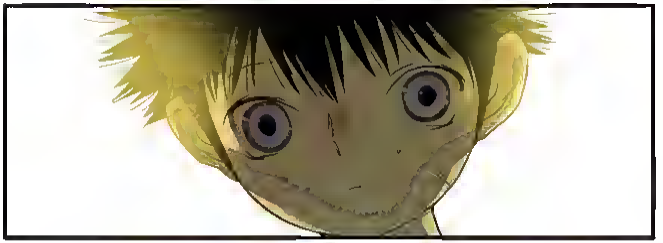
THAT'S HIM!
YES, THAT'S HIM!


HE'S THE ONE WHO SET THE FIRE IN THE WAREHOUSE!

CREAK

THEN, LET'S DIVIDE THE CARGO INTO GROUPS AND LOAD THEM.

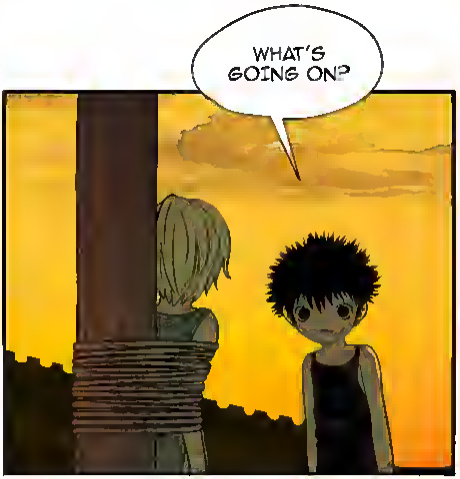

SINCE WE'RE BUSY RIGHT NOW, TIE HIM UP SOMEWHERE. WE'LL EXAMINE HIM LATER.



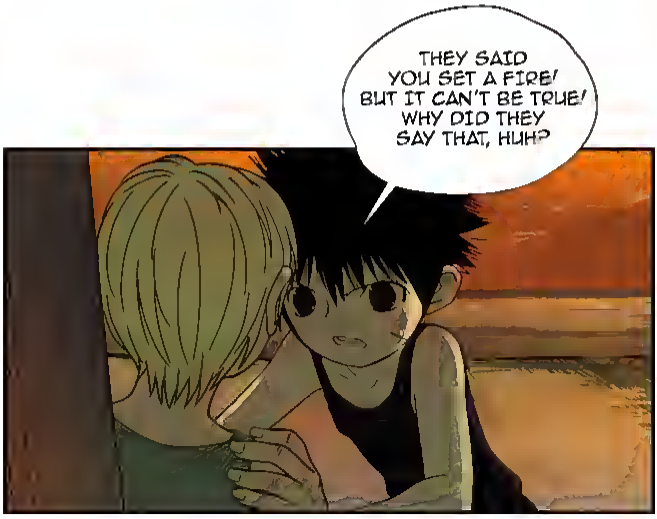
WITHOUT YOU, I MIGHT HAVE NOT CONVINCED THEM.
GOOD JOB, AESOP.

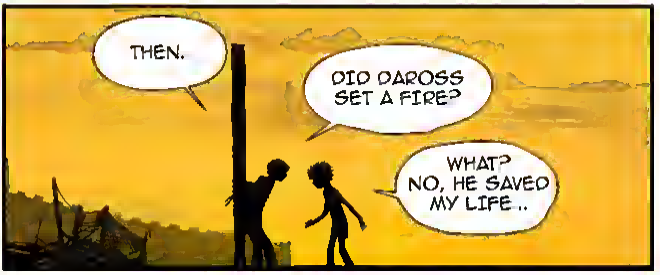
SIR, I GOT THE ONE WHO SET THE FIRE LAST NIGHT!!

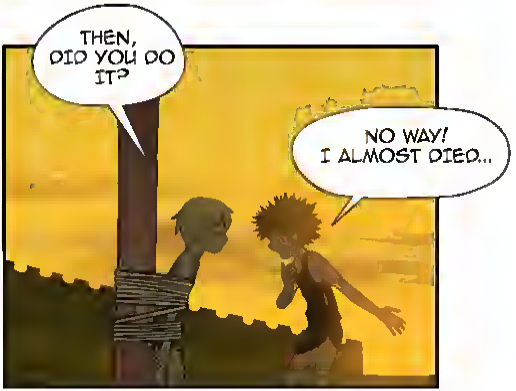
BRI...!


WHAT'S GOING ON?

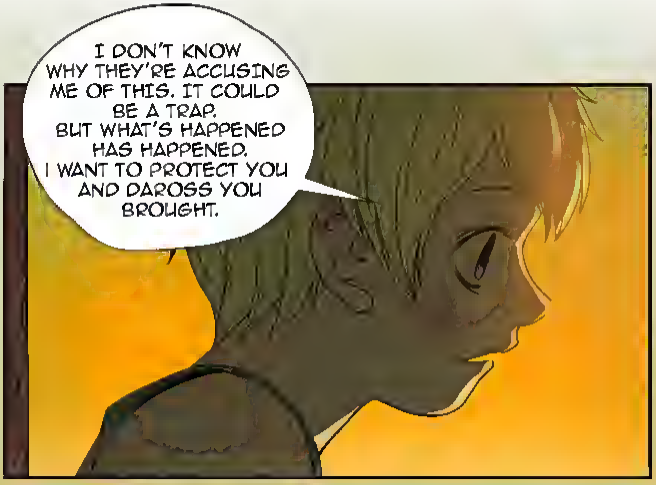
AESOP!
ARE YOU OKAY?
DIDN'T YOU GET
HURT, DID YOU?

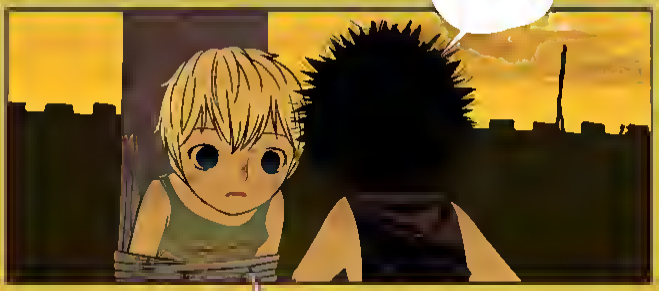

THEY SAID
YOU SET A FIRE!
BUT IT CAN'T BE TRUE!
WHY DID THEY
SAY THAT, HUH?


THEN.
DID DAROSS SET A FIRE?
WHAT? NO, HE SAVED MY LIFE..


THEN, DID YOU DO IT?
NO WAY! I ALMOST DIED...

BUT IN THE END, ONE OF YOU WILL HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS.


I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY'RE ACCUSING ME OF THIS. IT COULD BE A TRAP. BUT WHAT'S HAPPENED HAS HAPPENED. I WANT TO PROTECT YOU AND DAROSS YOU BROUGHT.



SO THAT I CAN REPAY YOUR KINDNESS.

I DON'T WANT TO BE SOMEONE'S BURDEN ANYMORE...
GIVE ME A CHANCE TO BE THE WINNER OF MY LIFE...

THE END OF <THE GREAT FAILURE>